

**CALLED MEETING**  
**JUNE 29, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held a Called Meeting on Friday, June 29, 2018, at 8 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall to take action on the GMA Bricks and Mortar program financing of the Fire Department and to receive information on the Hancock State Prison contract. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were: Mayor Barnett and council members Armour, Armour, Cullars, Mahoney, Scarborough and Tutt. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Fleming.

HANCOCK STATE PRISON CONTRACT: City Administrator Bailey distributed a letter to council that was received this week advising of the cancellation of inmate work detail agreement for fiscal year 2019. At this time the City Administrator is reviewing options on how to proceed by either contracting cemetery grass cutting or perhaps employing one to two more personnel for the Public Works department.

GMA BRICKS & MORTAR PROGRAM: Mayor Barnett advised that the projected cost of Fire Station renovations and construction would not exceed \$975,000. There are some costs savings by using prison labor but since the initial discussion on the building, cost of materials have gone up. The \$975,000 also includes the façade and concrete work at the current truck bays.

Council member Mahoney questioned how the building went from a projected \$800,000 to the current not to exceed price of \$975,000. Mahoney also questioned the inspection process on the building and further the qualifications of prison labor. Mahoney further expressed dis-pleasure on not having input into the design of the building.

Council member Tutt expressed concern also on the \$175,000 price elevation from previous discussions and concern that the fire committee was not more involved.

Council member Cullars also expressed concern that the fire committee should have been involved.

City Attorney Fleming advised that council would need to vote to allow the Mayor to sign the documents for GMA Bricks and Mortar financing of the Fire Department not to exceed \$975,000, financed through BB & T for 15 years at 4.05%.

On motion by R. Armour, second by Scarborough, council voted 3-3-1 to allow Mayor Barnett to sign the necessary documents for the GMA Bricks and Mortar program. Voting against the motion were council members Cullars, Mahoney and Tutt. Mayor Barnett voted for the motion, breaking the tie vote.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Scarborough, second by R. Armour, council voted 6 to 0 to adjourn meeting at 8:19 AM.

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